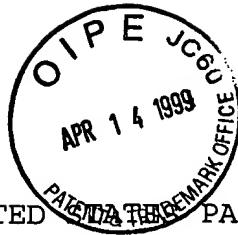


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TADAYOSHI INAMOTO, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/157,497) : Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: September 21, 1998) :
For: RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE) : April 14, 1999
FORMING PROCESS USING) :
THE SAME, AND PROCESS) :
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), a concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 3, 4 and 16. Also, Applicants have obtained English language computer

database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/831,758	April 1, 1997	1762	Pending
09/025,252	February 18, 1998	2853	Pending
09/025,705	February 18, 1998	None	Pending

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

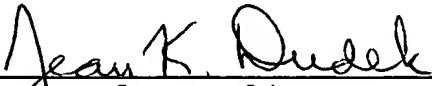
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the

enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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